

**WASHINGTON, DC-** Today, Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) announced that the White House is currently accepting internship applications for the Spring 2010 program. Applications are due by September 20, 2009.

This is an outstanding opportunity for our young leaders to fully immerse themselves in the legislative process, ” Costa said. “Internships in the House, Senate and White House are key stepping stones for those who want to choose a career of public service. I encourage anyone interested to apply.”

The application for the 2010 Spring Internship is now available at [www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships](http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships), and is due September 20, 2009. The application includes two essays, three letters of recommendation and a resume. Each applicant will be evaluated on three basic qualities: a commitment to public service, demonstration of leadership in the community and dedication to the mission of this Administration. The applicant’s communication, writing and office skills will also be reviewed and considered. An applicant’s GPA is not figured into the final score, and each application is reviewed on a semi-blind basis.

If you know of someone who would like to apply, please direct them to this site. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail Rachel Haltom at [Rachel\\_Haltom-Irwin@who.eop.gov](mailto:Rachel_Haltom-Irwin@who.eop.gov), or reference the White House website at [www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships](http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships).